

Department of Toxic Substances Control Media Advisory

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DTSC Green Chemistry Symposium Examines Alternatives for a Healthier California

SACRAMENTO, CA – California's Green Chemistry Initiative is leading the way towards realizing a world where consumer products are made from safer chemicals. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) are hosting a brown-bag symposium, **Green Chemistry through the Lens of Public Health**, which will examine the effects of Green Chemistry on Californians' health.

The symposium features interactive discussions with physicians, scientists and stakeholders on the impact of current chemicals policy on public health and the health of our children. The keynote speakers are Dr. Margaret Kripke, Ph.D., noted immunologist and a member of the President's Cancer Panel, and Steve Owens from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

The event is open to the public and accessible via a live webcast at www.dtsc.ca.gov/greenchemistry.

WHAT: Green Chemistry through the Lens of Public Health

WHEN: Monday, October 18, 2010, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE: California Department of Public Health East End Complex

1500 Capitol Avenue Sacramento, CA. 95814

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The Mission of the Department of Toxic Substances Control is to provide the highest level of safety, and to protect public health and the environment from toxic harm.